

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAID, BG, SN  
SUBJ: PL 480 EDIBLE VEGETABLE OIL FOR BANGLADESH

REF: STATE 197972

1. GOS HAS MADE FOLLOWING REPLY ON PL 480 SALE OF SOYBEAN OIL TO BANGLADESH: "THE U.S. PL 480 PROGRAMS HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECTED OUR EXPORTS OF EDIBLE OIL AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IF THE PROGRAM IS EXPANDED. OUR EDIBLE VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTRY IS FACED WITH DIFFICULTIES OF EXPORTING, DUE TO THE ADVENT OF PROCESSING FACILITIES IN TRADITIONAL MARKETS AND HIGH TARIFFS OF OTHER FOREIGN MARKETS".

2. COMMENT: SINGAPORE HAD EIGHT EDIBLE OIL REFINERIES AND DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION COULD BE MET BY PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF ONLY ONE. GOS REPLY, DRAFTED AT LOW LEVEL, AND ROUTINE CONTACTS REVEAL LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR BANGLADESH'S PLIGHT NOR CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER BANGLADESH COULD AFFORD THE KIND OF COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS SINGAPORE DESIRES. SINGAPORE REFINERIES  
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HAVE ENCOUNTERED INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN MARKETING THEIR OUTPUT IN FACE OF COMPETITION FROM GREATLY EXPANDED MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN PALM OIL REFINERIES. US PL480 SALES COULD BECOME A CONVENIENT SCAPEGOAT FOR THIS PROBLEM. HOLDRIDGE

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